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THE FOUNDER'S STATEMENT

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FIRST PRINCIPLES

At this time, I am going to present a position paper, which will attempt to restate, the original program, which motivated me to establish the Foundation. That position has not changed. That still remains our core program. Following my statement, Rob will present our implementation process which has been formulated, as a result of many weeks of planning, following the last board meeting. After that will follow a full discussion of the process by the board.

Actually we are making a new beginning. The coming of a new administration and the finalizing of our educational status calls for clarity and unity of purpose. The following constitutes a slightly revised stated purpose of the Foundation as an educational and research institution.

The John E. Fetzer Foundation supports and provides research, education, and service designed to discover and enhance the integral relationships of the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of experience which foster human growth, action, and responsible improvement of the human condition. Since I do not have the gift of eloquence, I shall try to state our purpose in simple terms that can be understood.

Let us look for a moment at the Foundation and at its symbol and its meaning. We have a triangle and that triangle has three points of service, within the foundation – of body, mind and spirit. And yet, within that triangle where is the four square, that also makes up the activities of the Foundation – of working within humankind on a physical, emotional, mental and spiritual level. For in order to have the perfect balance, we must have the perfect awareness. We must have the understanding of body, mind and spirit and we must have balance of the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual in order that we might fully find the true spiritual expression leading to complete healing. Otherwise, we will come from places of

limitation. So what the Foundation is achieving for itself, and eventually for all to see, to understand, and to participate in, if they choose, is the comprehension, the knowing of this principle.

It seems apparent to me that there has been a great outpouring of energy and that humankind, on a mass level, is seeking to bring into embodiment, this greater balance, individually and collectively. This consciousness is one having to do with the collective synthesis, a coming together of the many into the one – recognizing that we are all equal, and all the same and all of one body. Mankind has been walking a path towards this knowledge of some time seeking understandings of this collective oneness. What we see are the strivings to come to a world peace, a world government, a world financial system, a world language, a world religion, a world of one mankind.

And so if the Foundation, is to succeed in its goal of achieving balance and health it must find ways to work together, within itself as a unified unit, in order that it can go forward, into the world and live the example. For it is only through the exemplified life that one can share, and in a sense, teach. For if you do not live the example, then people do not have the example to follow. This becomes significant since our mission is to teach. The Foundation should strive toward achieving a common goal, a united effort, a clear focus, a family consciousness, a oneness in motivation, living life and doing work with enthusiasm, accepting that which is and working within the law of acceptance, to move into greater places of clarity and understanding. These are things the Foundation can do, individually and collectively, as it goes about striving to achieve its goals in the world of education and research and service.

AN ORDERED FOCUS

To achieve this purpose we have to reorder our priorities. We must not succumb to the placement of a multiplicity of programs on the plate at once. We must make a simple start, and grow into a state of maturity. We must always keep the triangle purpose foremost and search for that completion of the four square within.

Let me tell you what the Foundation is not. The Foundation is not here to duplicate that which is being done by others. This cannot be over emphasized. The world of is full of organizations and programs addressing every conceivable surface problem, known. While we do not wish to bury our

head in the sand, we must come to an understanding of our capacity to perform.

Scores of requests for grants have come for programs representing a multiplicity of disciplines, all of which can be construed as helping to bring balance in accordance with our stated purpose. If we want to make a difference, we must have a disciplined program.

Along with this we have had another problem, in that approximately half of our funding has been in the category of "Special Interest", not in accordance with our mission. Admittedly, much of this has been the result of extenuating circumstances in which I participate. We must begin with ourselves. We must be open with each other and avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest. The one area which I feel compelled to argue for a prerogative of the Founder is the funding of tax-exempt activities related to those areas which produced the asset base which enabled me to endow the Foundation.

I have asked Rob to review our procedures for monitoring potential conflicts of interests, and to propose a policy for the Board to consider at its next meeting. The policy should ensure that the Foundation complies with all state and federal laws while permitting the Foundation to continue to utilize the talents and resources of its trustees and officers.

The fact remains, however, that fund seekers use every conceivable device to get in the door with their private agenda. I am aware that board members and staff people are constantly pressured by those that want an inside track. We must collectively seek ways and means to accomplish an artful rejection of this discretionary agenda seeking. Under our educational status we become an active operating institution which will help eliminate passive grant making. This will be a great help. I am sure that ways and means to solve these problems can readily be established.

Our 509 (a) 1 educational request was granted by IRS on August 8th. As reported to you earlier this plan includes collaboration with all our local institutions (Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Nazareth, KVCC, and the hospitals), the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Temple's Center for Frontier Science, and the wide range of research support we have provided individuals and institutions at Princeton, Harvard, University of California, Menninger and elsewhere, which is directly in line with the three-fold function of an Institute Without Walls, i.e. research, education, and service.

With this new ruling from IRS we no longer are a foundation in the conventional sense. Instead we are an educational and research institution. That means that our endowment henceforth must be employed to support that process. Our scientific endeavors will have to be translated as funding into continuing education. An appropriate part of our funding and budgeting process will have to be narrowed to the specifics of our program. In short, it becomes a completely new approach to the application and meaning of our mission. Brand new terminology, and in my view it is totally affirmative. In the ruling, paragraph four says it best:

“You are not designed to duplicate or compete with existing institutions but rather to complement them by addressing critical gaps in contemporary educational institutions and professional training. The focus of faculty and curriculum is on horizontal integrations of various disciplines and schools and their linkage, the linkage of theory and practice, in professional health care education, translation of basic research finding into continuing education and upgrading of current professionals and learning opportunities for the state of the art.”

Out of this research and educational status, in the long term partnerships in resources, alliances in scientific global networking, and a free exchange of scientific data will emerge. Research and service are final steps which produce the knowledge to share. Much of this lies in the future and must become the consequence of evolutionary development. I cannot over emphasize that we must do first things first. One project at a time as it takes its turn.

I am most thankful that we have a board of trustees and the nucleus of a staff that is willing to move forward on this agenda by sharing in the intuitive process.

THE IMMEDIATE GOAL

To be specific, our immediate goal is to develop our educational institution, and establish our in-house laboratory. Our mission is clearly to pursue these programs and not be tempted to take on other expensive and time consuming programs, that may, or may not, belong in our future. Here we must face a challenge. As we formulate these tightly focused objectives we must do so through inclusiveness and wholeness, balancing our

disciplined vision with the capacity to be flexible and to adapt to new opportunities. We can't afford the luxury of tunnel vision.

As for the research in our in-house laboratory, I conceive this program to be an investigatory research of subtle energy which represents, sound, light and color, as it applies to the physical well-being of humankind. All of our research, whatever it be, in house or out, should, in the long term, basically open the door into the investigation of biofield energy as applied to the mechanism of the total organism. I have said this many times before and I am saying it again, that this must be understood and refined as our core program. I should like to say that both elements of our research, in house or outside supported, should always be autonomous.

Here lies navigation in uncharted seas. I am convinced that inspired thought and direction are available to one, who dares to put himself in touch, with the wisdom available from higher sources. I believe there are many willing listeners, including an Edison or an Einstein, hidden from normal view, awaiting to be brought into manifestation. Many conventional laboratories, are manned by young scientists, awaiting the inspiration of a guiding hand.

We have invented some research tools, but we have not mastered their use. We need to orient these tools, to well framed research and education questions. We need to craft objectives, fleshing them out, with time frames and step-by-step program strategies. Among our tools are the Fetzer Pioneers and Fellows.

First, the purpose in establishing the pioneer program was to discover existing electronic diagnostic and healing devices produced by inventors and pioneers. That I see as a high priority in our in house program. In my view this lends some promise of action within the foreseeable future. A major discovery here, through applied science, would give us the opportunity to promote its lower cost usage, within the health field. There is a crying need to reduce the high cost of medical treatment, which can be understood by the public. Moreover it would put the Foundation in the forefront of critical action – accomplishment.

The second, is our Fetzer Fellow plan which recognizes those who have achieved world renown as scientific authorities. I find in the Margins of Reality, by our Bob and Brenda, wisdom, that should be in the forefront, of our future deliberations in connection with the Fetzer Fellow concept. Finally, with the coming of T.M. Srinivasan as head of our research

laboratory, and the advisory board, to be established, will give us much needed help in the development of this in house research.

Suffice it to say, I have long held the view, that energy scientific research, that is not accompanied by spirit is suspect. That kind of output will be covered with dust, on library shelves. I must tell you, that I was greatly fortified in my viewpoint, when I ready the following quote, from Albert Einstein. “The most beautiful and most profound emotion we can experience, is the mystical. It is the source of all true science.”

FINAL PRINCIPLES

I am sure that as you listen, you will hear the ring of truth, first and foremost, trying to create a community of freedom, within the Foundation, which is based upon freedom of consciousness, freedom of the individual, freedom of movement, freedom of thought, freedom of development and freedom of expression, which will allow the Foundation, to succeed in its mission to find balance, within and without, in the educational process. It is up to the collective group of trustees and staff to begin to understand that it must help develop that process. In the years past with the development of this nation, it wasn't one individual, it was the collective group, sitting and coming to agreement, that created the beginning of this great country. So now, the Foundation, through the group, must come together and make a settlement within themselves, as to a sense of participation, in the pursuit of this agenda.

Over a period of time, if a greater liberation, to find balance is to manifest upon this planet, this freedom must first manifest. The liberation on the individual level only manifest when one cries out for freedom. Free me of these bonds, of these chains. Free me of these pains, these anguishes, free me and bring me into that place of loving. When one calls out in such a way, the consciousness of liberation is stirred within, as well as without, and liberation becomes reality. This is how the liberating action begin, to free one of the downward turn in a spiral of consciousness, and brings one up into the higher focus, back into your higher self. It is here you will find the answers to the final definition of the Foundation's purpose, in accordance with the agenda we have put it place.

I believe there is a certain consciousness of synthesis, that brings forth a light, that some refer to as the “avatar symmetry”, that is here, ready to assist all who are connected with the Foundation to delineate its mission. Remember, whatever the final verdict turns out to be, its summary will be

“unconditional love”. That is our avatar of the future, because love is the unifying energy field, that mobilizes the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual resources in the caring and sharing with one another.